Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): In case we are unable to make a profit, we shall at least have the public use it for a lower price.

Mr. President: This question is just now engaging my attention and I have passed an order yesterday. Government are not satisfied with the present working of the potteries. In fact the sales have gone down during the last few months and the stocks have accumulated. If these stocks are sold at the current market value, there will be considerable loss. Government are seriously considering what is to be done with the potteries.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Pazhayannur*): Is the sale being conducted by the Government?

Mr. President: Through private agencies.

IMPORT OF UNCOUPONED RUBBER FROM BURMA.

372. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether they have received any final decision of the Government of India about their requests to that Government to stop the import of uncouponed Rubber from Burma?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No.

When the answer was prepared no reply was received. We have since received a reply from the Goverment of India. It is not favourable, in view of the Indo-Burma trade agreement of 1937. The Government of Cochin propose to address the Government of India again on this matter to introduce restriction on the import of unlicensed rubber from Burma, because the period of the agreement will expire by the 31st March 1940. Just after that the Government of India will be free to act as they please. The idea is to address the Government of India again.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Are the Government aware that notice has to be given by the end of March?

Mr. President: We are asking the Government of India to take steps to terminate the Indo-Burma trade agreement after March 1940 and stop the import of rubber from Burma, and we have definitely told them that we are not placing the rubber restriction scheme permanently on the Statute Book till then. That is why we are extending this restriction only until further orders. This Government will have to consider the question of breaking away from the restriction scheme if the Government of India does not satisfy us.

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Mr. H. J. Walmesley (*Europeans*): If the Government is pressing the Government of India again on this question and if the Government of India continues the present trade agreement is the Government going to ask the Government of India why in the case of tea the restriction has been stopped and why for rubber it cannot be stopped?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Orders have been passed against the importation of India rubber into Burma without licence.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I bring to the notice of the Government that action has to be taken for the termination of the agreement in 1940 March and that notice has to be given.

Mr. President: The Government of India has to give notice. We have told them that.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I request the Government to send a Telegram?

Mr. President: That position is well understood at Delhi.

NIGHT-SOIL—NADATHARA VILLAGE—DEPOSIT OF—COMPLAINTS REGARDING.

373. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the inhabitants of Nadathara Village, Trichur Taluk, about the inconvenience and discomfort experienced by them on account of the depositing of the night-soil of the Trichur Municipality in that village;

(*b*) from which date was the deposit of night-soil at Nadathara commenced;

(*c*) whether the Director of Public Health or any expert on public health consulted before this arrangement was made;

(*d*) if so, with whom were the consultations made;

(*e*) the approximate population of the Nadathara Village;

(*f*) the exact survey No. where the night-soil is deposited?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Night-soil is not deposited at Nadathara. It is being made into compost under 'Fowler's Process'. This is being done from 25th Kanni 1114.

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